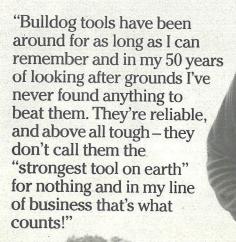




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But now we are back to hard work with a full season ahead of us and a tough match against a strong Brentford side which opened its account last Saturday with a 5-1 win over Reading. As they were doing that, we were losing to Lincoln, but our level of performance showed that we are on the right lines.

We did not have a particularly successful pre-season, but friendly games never bring out the best in a team and the amount of effort we put in at both Lincoln and Stockport have certainly pleased me and incidentally, I was very interested to note that the Everton side which beat us 6-1 beat the European Champions, Aston Villa, midweek 5-0.

One thing which caused me some concern in the pre-season was the amount of crowd violence and aggression which we have imported to Springfield Park. You have, rightly, an excellent reputation away from home, but the same cannot be said for some of the teams we have played and some that we are due to play at home. I can only ask those of you who find it hard to resist provocation to ensure that the fine sporting attitude which Latics supporters have shown for fifty years is maintained.

On a more pleasant note, our first foray into the Central League, with a team containing ten teenagers, shows that we have a great deal of young talent waiting for a chance to break into the first team. The 3-0 victory over Burnley Reserves was an excellent example of attacking football, as was our youth team's 8-1 victory at Irlam Town in the F.A. Youth Cup. All great teams have had good youth policies and I'm pleased to see that ours is bearing further fruit.

Best wishes and here's to a good season,

Larry Lloyd.



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THE DIVISION ROUND THE ROU

by Harold Ashurst

THE first day of the Third Division soccer programme last weekend produced some surprising results to say the least and one club was more than slightly embarrassed, after some heavy preseason spending failed to pay early dividends. The club of course was Sheffield United who came a might, cropper at Portsmouth in the battle of the big spenders. On the same day United lashed out £200,000 Leicester Striker Alan Young, they were hammered 4-1 at Fratton Park, and to make matters worse, they had Simon Garner sent off for a professional foul. It's a fair bet Blades' manager lan-Porterfield didn't enjoy his supper when he got home.

The Division's biggest scorers however on opening day were Latics opponents this afternoon — Brentford. They got their season off to the best possible start, ramming five past Bristol Rovers. While Latics and Sheffield United were losing, the other two promoted clubs from last season were getting off to winning starts. Bradford City won a five goal thriller against. Reading at Valley Parade, and that after

going behind, while A.F.C. Bournemouth had an impressive 3-0 win over Walsall at Dean Court. Wrexham won the all-Wales battle with Cardiff at Ninian Park, while Gordon Lee's Preston beat Millwall 3-2 thanks to a Steve Elliot hat-track. The other clubs who came down with Millwall and Cardiff last season, Orient, fared much better. They scored a 2-1 away win at Chesterfield.

A disappointing feature of the Third Division was the attendances. On a day when crowds throughout the country were up on the opening day of last season, only the battle of the Division's two big crowd pullers pulled in anything like a gate. The 13,000 plus at Portsmouth's Fratton Park attendance put the others to shame.

The 3,196 figure at Lincoln was a disgrace, especially when you consider that the side missed promotion to the Second Division last season by just one point. If Latics fans hadn't turned up in large numbers at Sincil Bank, the crowd would not have reached 2,500. One can only hope attendances get better as the season goes on.

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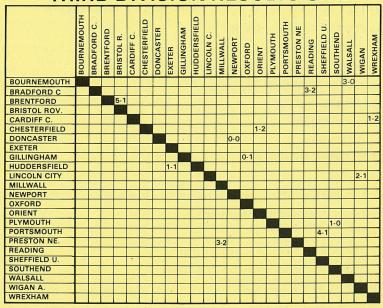
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I STARTED off this column last year with good intentions. I wanted, as all good Secretaries should, to keep you informed of developments in the administration and bureaucracy of football. But what happened? What should have been a serious, academic exercise developed into a chat column with people feeding me all kinds of funny stories to distract me from my real purpose. Not so this year! I am going to ensure that levity has no partr in this epistle and anybody seen reading it (either of you) with a smile on their face will be for it.

Right, then. News from the F.A. and Football League. First change of rule: Goalkeeper. Old Rule: The rule used to read: When playing as goalkeeper, it is a foul if the player takes more than four steps whilst holding, bouncing or throwing the ball in the air and catching it again without releasing it, so that it is played by another player.

New Rule: When playing as a goalkeeper and within his own penalty area it is a foul if, from the moment the ball comes under his control, he takes more than four steps without releasing the ball into play and — having released it — he touches the ball again before it has been touched or played by another player.

So there!

Next: New interpretation of F.A. Law Twelve, Paragraph 5 (M) — Serious Foul Play. Any offence under the heading of the so-called "professional" or "cynical foul" including international handling of the ball in appropriate situations should be regarded as serious foul play, if in the opinion of the referee it denies the attacking side a probable goal scoring opportunity. The player concerned should be sent off the field.

And just to prove how devastatingly interesting this column intends to be this season, get a load of what's coming up next week. The fascinating new interpretation of the law of throw-ins! (David Glenn please read). How many caution points get you suspended this year? (Do you know, Graham Barrow got more points than Crewe Alexandra last year). And what are the mysterious lines that have appeared behind the goals at Springfield Park? The answer to these and other wonderfully interesting bureaucratic facts in next weeks "On File".

Cheers,

Colin Burke.



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WELL, here we are again at the start of a new season.

I've had to laugh at people during the past few weeks asking if I'd been on holiday, well, the Commercial Department never goes on holiday. When the close-season comes around that is when the Commercial Department goes into action. Ground and programme ads, match and ball sponsorships all have to be sold. New stock for the shop has to be ordered (like the new Team shirts), so, all in all, we have been quite busy during the past couple of

months. Now it's our turn to take a little rest, (just a little one) and watch some football.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken some form of ads and sponsorship with us for 1982-83 and wish all you supporters a good season here at Springfield Park.

David Roberts
Commercial Executive

SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE PAGE
Soccer Ninety-Niner No. 1. — Across - 1. Motherwell, 7. New, 8.
Gento, 9. Keith, 12. Stair, 13. net, 14. Gary Megson. Down - 1.
Montrose; 2. Town; 3. Eddie Gray, 4. Wagstaffe, 5. Lane, 6.
Somerton (Newport), 10. Vava (Brazil 1958/62), 11. ends.
ON THE BALL No. 1 — Terry, Kevin, Bryan, Milan.
CLUB CLUE No. 1 — Rapid, Vienna
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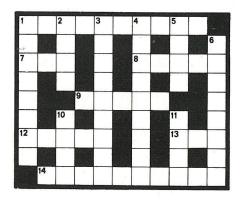
MIXED DOUBLES No. 1

Re-order the letters in each of the words **SOFTER and BIZARRE** to find the names of two men called **Colin**

QUICK QUIZ No. 4

- 1. They were "The Glaziers" . . . but what are they now?
- 2. How many English Second Division matches are played in a season?
- 3. Which Greek club made it to the final of the European Cup only to lose to the 'Greek hero', Ajax?
- 4. Who are at home at Somerset Park?
- **5**. In which season did the famous *Rothmans Football Yearbook* make its debut?

Answers to Puzzle Page on page 9.



SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 1 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

- 1. The first British club to clinch promotion last season (10)
- 7. Keeper Martin sounds fresh! (3)
- 8. His eight appearances in European Cup finals brought him six winner's medals (5)
- 9. One of soccer's Robsons (5)
 12. Stranraer can be seen at --- Park (5)
- 13. A striker can always see it . . . but he can't
- always find it! (3)
- 14. The son of former Wednesday star Don, he left Everton to join The Owls in 1981 (4,6)

DOWN

- 1. Club whose name is an anagram of **6 down** (8)
- 2. Rotherham United was the result of merging the local --- and County Clubs (4)
- Leeds United's Player of the Year last season, he'll have more responsibility in 1982/83 (5,4)
- Winger who played through the 1960s and 1970s, serving Manchester City, Wolves, Blackburn (two spells) and Blackpool (9)
- 5. Wimbledon would welcome you to Plough --- (4)
- 6. Welsh Park (8)
- The first man to score in two World Cup finals (4)
- 11. A coin usually decides them (4)

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BY GEOFF KEMP

AS another season opens at Springfield Park the picture is mirrored on countless playing fields and parks throughout the area as the local amateur soccer scene has its own big kick-off. Wigan Amateur League had its 79th such kick-off recently as it celebrated close to eight decades of participation in the local sporting scene. Elsewhere, Wigan Rovers began a new season in the Third Division of the North West Counties League, while small clubs and teams prepared for a tough winter in various local leagues such as the Post & Chronicle's. And don't forget, even more recently, the re-emergence of local school soccer after its summer lay-off. Many local schools have only been back for a fortnight at the most and are only just getting their football organised, swapping the swimming trunks of summer holidays for the shorts of the new season.

One team, unfortunately, found themselves virtually shortless as their first fixtures approached. St. Cuthberts, Pemberton, from the Third Division of the Wigan Amateur League, had a brand-new kit stolen after a pre-season friendly. The entire strip was taken as it dried on a clothes-line at one of the player's homes. Thieves are often described as callous, but the description seems especially fitting to describe the perpetrator of this particular crime. Not only did he undo a lot of work which goes into kitting out an amateur side, but he has taken away at least some of the enjoyment which is the whole basis of the game at that level.

By the way, the kit is easily identifiable and its recovery would prove a welcome bonus to St.

Cuthberts. The shirts are blue and white striped with red collar and cuffs, with the sponsors name, Up Holland Video, printed across the front, while the shorts are red. Perhaps a piece of good advice would be to be very wary of any cheap soccer kits offered locally by strangers in pubs and similar situations. Thieves have to sell to survive, and if they find a ready market, numerous other small teams in the Wigan area could suffer before the season is much older.

On a brighter side of the Wigan soccer scene, Wigan Rovers began their season in the new North-West Counties League in the best possible way with a win. Sadly missing from the victorious first encounter was Rovers' player Steve Rimmer, who suffered a severe leg fracture in a pre-season friendly against Atherton Town. It is a tragedy for Steve, who now looks like missing most of the season — without even managing to get into the 'serious" action. In his absence Rovers managed to beat Nelson 2-0 in their first league fixture, thanks to two goals in the last ten minutes of an evenly balanced match. Substitute Dave O'Neill came on and scored with only his second touch of the ball, and with five minutes left on the watch Gary Dickens made sure of the points. Incidentally, the North-West Counties League Rovers have joined has been created by an amalgamation of the old Cheshire League and Lancashire Combination. Over the coming months I will be bringing you news of the wide spectrum of local amateur, youth and school soccer in the Wigan area, but I need your help to obtain as much information as possible. If you have anything of interest to readers concerning the local scene why not contact me, Geoff Kemp, at the Wigan Observer.

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What you say...

Bobby Charlton — "I thought Lincoln were disappointing after all I'd heard of them. When we went one-nil up it was deserved and I thought we would get three points. But a few decisions went against us and we were a goal behind. At the end it was just us shooting in. Gary Grimshaw of 19 Brittania Road, Marsh Green. "Wigan were the better side on the day. We were very unlucky

and had some bad decisions go against us. I thought Paul Lodge linked up well with Eamon O'Keefe and he certainly made it all click.

Phil Rall, City Road, Kitt Green.

Lincoln only missed promotion to the Second Division by a point last season but they are one of the best teams in the Third Division. Wigan have got nothing to worry about".

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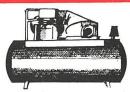
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LIKE most Clubs Brentford had its financial problems last season but Martin Lange, who took over as Chairman in September 1981, set about completely reorganising the Club with a view to putting it on an even financial keel within a period of two years. Many economies were effected with a complete restructuring of the administrative staff and a new approach to the Club's

commercial activities which saw a considerable increase in Ground and programme advertising coupled with sponsorship of all League games.

Brentford, who were in the First Division in 1947 and lost their Second Division status in 1954, have, in the past two seasons, under Fred Callaghan's management, reached their highest position in the League for nearly 20 years. Fred, who is

assisted by Player-Coa is hopeful that his the charge will see furthe in the Club's recount of the charge will see furthe in the Club's reconstruction of the charge way form, Second should be achieved. Less than 11 matches there were only eight Griffin Park.

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ch Ron Harris, nird season in r improvement overy and if ord can match Division status ast season no were won but it victories at FRED CALLAGHAN — Team Manager. Former Fulham defender who took up his first League Managerial appointment with Brentford in April 1980, although he had previously assisted Bill Dodgin with the training at Griffin Park in 1977. Came to Brentford after helping to take Woking, as their Manager, to the FA Trophy Final and in each of his two season's has steered Brentford to their highest position in the Third Division since 1965.

TERRY ROWE — Full Back. Former junior who made his League debut last season with considerable success and is expected to progress further this season. Was called up for training with England's Youth squad and is more than a useful cricketer being offered a trial at Lords but turned it down in favour of football

GRAHAM WILKINS — Full-back. Signed in the close season from Chelsea after having been a target of Manager Fred Callaghan for two seasons. Brother of England International Ray Wilkins and son of George who played for Brentford as an inside-forward in the 1930-1940's.

BARRY TUCKER — Full-back. Very experienced full back with nearly 400 League appearances to his credit. Born Swansea and came to the front with Northampton Town where he often partnered Phil Neal.

ALAN WHITEHEAD — Central defender. Dominant centre-half signed in the 1981 close season from Bury for a record fee of £78,000. Although he took a little time to settle down he was voted "Player of the Year" by the Brentford Players in recognition of his sterling defensive performances.

JIM McNICHOL — Central defender: Former Scottish International 21 defender who came to the Club four years ago from Luton Town. Has played in a variety of positions and has nearly 100 games

to his credit although often competing with Denis Salman for the number 4 shirt.

TERRY HURLOCK — Midfield. Signed from Leytonstone and Ilford in August 1980 and has been an outstanding member of Brentford's midfield ever since missing only a handful of games.

CHRIS KAMARA — Midfield. Club Captain, signed from Portsmouth in an exchange deal involving David Crown going to Fratton Park. Previously with Swindon Town his enthusiastic midfield play earned him the Runners-up spot as the Supporters' Club "Player of the Year" last season.

BOWLES — Midfield. STAN Thought by many to be Brentford's best transfer for years when he signed from Orient in September 1981. Made his name with Queens Park Rangers where he won five England International caps. Has made over 400 appearances in a career spanning Manchester City, Bury, Crewe, Carlisle, Rangers, Nottingham Forest and Orient. Still one of the games great entertainers and recognised by Brentford fans who voted him "Player of the Year". GARY ROBERTS Forward. Signed from non-League Wembley two seasons ago and has been a regular on Brentford's left flank without always scoring the goals which his positional play has merited. FRANCIS JOSEPH — Forward. Impressed Brentford when he scored twice for Wimbledon inside five minutes against Brentford at Griffin Park last season, also scoring in the earlier match at Plough Lane. In fact finished Wimbledon's leading scorer with 13 goals and was voted their "Player of the Year". Joined Griffin Park staff in close season.

TONY MAHONEY — Forward. Came to Brentford on a free transfer from Fulham during the close season having been in and out of the Fulham side for several seasons but has nearly 100 League games to his credit. A Londoner, born in Barking.

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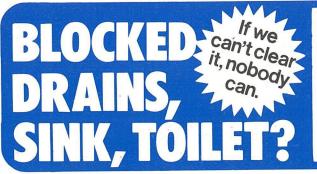
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MATCH DAY MASCOT

Today's Mascot is 8 year old Philip Dermott who goes to St. Cuthberts School. His hobbies are Football and Swimming and his favourite players are Les Bradd, Peter Houghton and Eamon O'Keefe. Have enjoyable day Philip.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



_Half Time Gossip.

A number of ex-Latics players have now signed up with new clubs. John Brown and George Urquhart have signed for Northern Premier League side Macclesfield, whilst Jeff Wright is with Barrow. Clive Evans joined Crewe during the close-season, and Micky Quinn went to Stockport. Neil Davids reports that he has not signed for anyone, although a number of non-League sides have been after him, Steve McAdam has returned to his native Northern Ireland.

Rumour has it that Manchester City Chairman Peter Swales is having a bet on the League Championship this year. His first choice is, of course, City, but his second is Manchester United.

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Reports from the teams trip to Majorca in June tell of a certain incident when a lone Graham Barrow was having a quiet breakfast in a beach cafe. Seemingly nine local youths, recognising his breakfast as typically English, started having a go at him

about the Falklands. Looking up from his bacon and eggs, Graham glared, made an Anglo-Saxon response to Latin aggression, at which point the nine Spaniards realised that the odds were not in their favour and departed accordingly.

Mark Wignall has missed all pre-season training due to contracting hepatitis. He reports back for light training on Monday. Both Wimbledon and Chester were keen to sign him during the close season.

Since Bobby Charlton appeared on T.V. in cricket gear, he was invited by that prestigious team, the Lords Taverners, to play for them in a charity match two weeks ago. Eye witness reports state that, although looking bored for much of his time in the field, his bowling was reasonable and he took a wicket. His batting was at times inspired, if a little rash, and he scored 21 runs. Football, golf, cricket! Is there no end to this mans talent.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Billy Mitchell — the groundsman
70 years old last Wednesday.
Well done Billy — here's to the
next seventy.
Freddy Pye and the Directors
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Eamon O'Keefe and all the players.
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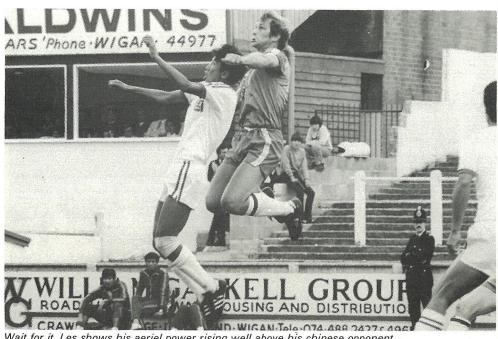
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Graham Barrow rises high above the Chinese defence to nod on a rear post cross.



Jimmy Weston puts in an attacking run from his own half



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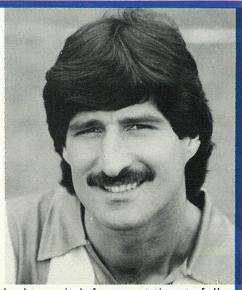
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Player_ Profile

GRAHAM BARROW

AT 6'2" tall and weighing 13½ stone, Graham Barrow is an imposing figure, both on and off the pitch. But whilst on the pitch he is a strong and at times overpowering player, off it he is, for his size, quite a shy lad with simple tastes and a quiet temperament.

He started his football career in his native Chorley, playing for Chorley Schools where he was spotted by Chorley Football Club who drafted him in to play for them whilst still a schoolboy. He developed his skills there before moving to Southport and then to mighty non-League Altrincham. It was whilst there that he experienced his most memorable moment in his career—playing against Liverpool in the third round of the F.A. Cup. "We got beat 4-1", he recalls, "but it was a great occasion, especially as we battled for everything and left the field to a great ovation." In August, 1982 he signed for Latics for a fee of £70,000 and



had to switch from part-time to full-time — losing a stone in the process! As a part-timer, he was able to follow his chosen trade as a plumber, a profession he will probably return to at the end of his career. Unless, that is, he becomes a snooker professional. He likes snooker, but some of his team mates believe he over-estimates himself at the game. He also plays a good game of tennis and indeed he likes most sports.

A married man, he likes his steak and the occasional bottle of wine, but he also enjoys Italian food and, presumably Italian wine.

The experience he considers the worst in his career tells us much about him, "Without doubt" he says "it was failing to win the Championship last year". You can understand, hearing him say that, why he plays like he does — for Graham Barrow there is only one reason to play football, and that's to win!



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CENTRAL LEAGUE TEAM FIXTURES 1982-83

Sat. Aug. 28 Wed. Sept. 15 Tues. Sept. 21 Tues. Sept. 28 Tues. Oct. 12 Tues. Nov. 2 Tues. Nov. 9 Tues. Nov. 16 Wed. Nov. 24 Tues. Nov. 30 Wed. Dec. 8 Tues. Dec. 14 Tues. Dec. 21 Wed. Jan. 12 Tues. Jan. 12 Tues. Jan. 25 Tues. Feb. 1 Tues. Feb. 8 Tues. Feb. 1 Tues. Feb. 22 Tues. Mar. 15 Wed. Mar. 23 Tues. Mar. 29 Tues. Apr. 5	Burnley Barnsley Chesterfield Bradford City Oldham Athletic Burnley Derby County Rotherham United Nottingham Forest Bolton Wanderers Port Vale Barnsley Middlesborough Preston N.E. Notts. County Manchester City Sunderland Chesterfield Derby County Oldham Athletic Bradford City Notts. County Manchester City Sunderland Chesterfield Derby County Oldham Athletic Bradford City Notts. County Manchester City Sunderland Nottingham Forest Rotherham United
Tues. Mar. 15	Manchester City
Wed. Mar. 23	Sunderland

Wigan Athletic Res. 3 - Burnley Res. 0 LATICS reserves opened their account int he Central League in fine form on Saturday last. Excellent finishing by young Stephen How resulted in two goals whilst new 16 year old apprentice David Lowe capped an excellent all round performance with a magnificently taken goal after being put clear by his fellow apprentice, Andrew Phillips.

The determination and skill of the Latics was too much for a Burnley side who, despite looking good early on and creating

Bolton Wanderers, Burnley, Preston North End, Manchester City, Nottingham Forest, Derby County. Selected by ballot to enter the new Division II for 1982/83.

THE CENTRAL LEAGUE Season 1981-82 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

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Everton	42	30	3	9	98	32	63	
Aston Villa	42	25	7	10	94	45	57	
Nottingham F.	42	23	10	9	102	-	56	
Newcastle Utd.	42	19	10	13	61	57	48	
Wolverhampton W.	42	19	10	13	79	69	48	
West Bromwich Alb.		17	13	12	57	33	47	
Sheffield Utd.	42	16	14	12	51	43	46	
Manchester Utd.	42	18	8	16	58	44	44	
Derby County	42	18	8	16	60	54	44	
Leeds Utd.	42	18	5	19	60	53	41	
Sheffield Wed.	42	18	5	19	75	76	41	
Coventry City	42	15	11	16	49	59	41	
Stoke City	42	11	15	16	50	61	37	
Bury	42	13	9	20	48	74	35	
Blackpool	42	14	7	21	56	85	35	
Blackburn Rov.	42	10	14	18	58	81	34	
Manchester City	42	12	9	21	43	73	33	
Preston N.E.	42	12	8	22	60	86	32	
Huddersfield Town	42	12	5	25	45	87	29	
Burnley	42	7	11	24	42	88	25	
Bolton Wanderers	42	6	9	27	43	109	21	

some problems in mid-field towards the end, failed to match the commitment of the Latics and they can have no complaints about the result.

The Team:

Potter
Hatton Langley Walsh Weston
Parkinson Aspinall
Williams Lowe Haw Phillips
Sub: Schofield



THE bar staff and committee would like to welcome the officials, players and supporters of Brentford Football Club on this our first home match in Division Three.

During the summer months whilst the football side of the club has been recessed, changes have been taking place behind the scenes at the club, and hopefully we will be able to see the club tastefully decorated within the next few weeks.

Chairman of the Football Club, Mr. Pye, who has worked with me over the past few years and the committee of the Supporters' Club, especially David Worswick, who has done a splendid job since replacing Mel Lowe, and also the bar staff. My heart will always be with Wigan Athletic, no matter how far away I am.

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Supporters' Club will be held on Thursday, the 30th September at 8.00 p.m. Will any member wishing to stand for election to the committee please make sure that your name, together with proposer and seconder is placed on the list provided which is displayed on the notice board. This list will be removed seven days prior to the meeting as per club rules.

I am sad to say that this will be the last match that I will see at Springfield Park as I will be flying out to America tomorrow to join my family. I would like to thank the

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Tonight, Sept. 4th - RAY MALCOLM Sunday, Sept. 5th - The fabulous JOHN MARTIN SOUND. Tickets 70p. (please come early).

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Stuart Cooper, Chairman.

.FACTS+FIGURES.

Home fixtures in capitals. Wigan scores first Player scoring bold. † Player substituted. ²Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player. *In result column indicates opponents own goal.

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Comments from the Chair

GOOD afternoon and welcome to a game we looked forward to playing all last year. Wigan Athletic's first ever home game in the Third Division. I would like to extend a special welcome to the directors, players and supporters from Brentford who today show up the age difference between the two clubs by achieving the distinction of being one of the few clubs in the Football League to have played all the other ninety-one in League matches.

From our point of view, getting into the Third Division has been a very expensive business and this year's balance sheet will show a loss of around £250,000. The bulk of this has been taken up with transfer fees, salaries and bonuses, the latter being all the greater as we maintained a position in the top four for much of the season. It also cost us money to enable Larry Lloyd to

carry out the unenviable task of moving players off the books who were not considered good enough to play in a promotion winning side. This season will certainly have to be one of consolidation.

But having said that, it will certainly not be a season without ambition. Our performance at Lincoln showed us to be far the better side (I make no comment whatsoever about the refereeing of that game) and judging by the fact that Lincoln are one of the best sides in the Division we must certainly be able to look forward to a good season.

We have lots of teams to meet for the first time this season and I hope that we will all enjoy many good games here at Springfield Park, and I trust that today we will witness the first one.

Enjoy the game, Freddie Pye, Chairman.



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David Glenn

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A married man, with two children, he is a Chief Building Services Officer. Likes gardening and squash, and is Chairman of the Sunderland Referees' Society.

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Colin Methven

7 Paul Lodge

5 Alex Cribley

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- 4 Jim McNichol
- 5 Alan Whitehead
- 6 Terry Hurlock
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- 8 Tony Mahoney
- 9 Francis Joseph
- 10 Stan Bowles
- 11 Gary Roberts
- 12 To be announced